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The Editor's Page

COMFORT FOR THE CRITICIZED

A Caution for the Critic

The world has been deprived of untold service and endeavors for its good because so many persons of sweet hearts and godly desires have been afraid of the criticisms which from the first have hounded the men and women who, being star-led, have walked in the front ranks of the great. Men whose hearts are sensitive, who have "skins" easily pierced and who have neither power nor inclination to stand up in the crowd and take their "medicine" (criticisms), giving the critic blow for blow, thrust for thrust, heartache for heartache, humiliation for humiliation—I say, men who cannot do this go and bury their talents simply because they know that the world is "a hard man," stoning the prophets and criticizing the faithful more than it does those who are false and uninspired.

A Good Man Who Failed (?)

A Good Man, a Just Man,—John said He was sinless; Malachi called Him the Sun of Righteousness; David said He was a priest; Zechariah described Him as a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness; Jeremiah named Him "Our Righteousness"; Father Abraham called Him a Judge who will do right; and God, perfect, just, holy and righteous, said of Jesus: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased,"—this holy being after discouraging days of service for the world, asked, one sad, blue day: "Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? And to what are they like? * * * For John the Baptist came neither eating bread, nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!" Proof this was that no kind of man need hope to escape the critic's tongue.

Here Is Comfort

I am writing to the man whose heart is sore because, after having tried so hard to do what he thought was right, he is receiving bitter criticisms and blame—to the man who is really giving the best he has to his work, to his day and to humanity's cause; but who receives curses for his pains: you are not alone. Criticisms against a conscientious man are first signs that he is making progres, is getting somewhere. Most frequently, we measure the value of a man's services by the bitter words of criticism which he receives. The greater the value of the services, the more frequent and bitter the criticisms.

Do not halt.

Do not grieve—much; I know you will grieve a little.

Do not complain. That gives the critic too much pleasure and he will torture you anew.

Value of Criticisms

Criticisms serve two purposes: They come from enemies to serve notice upon you that you are doing your work well and are making yourself felt in your little world. In that sense they come to encourage you—to tell you that you are getting to be somebody, because people do not bother to analyze dissect and pick flaws in little folks; but, rather, in people of consequence, so that the latter may remain in their class and not outstrip them. That's pretty wicked, but it is a pretty good description of human nature in your community.

In the second place, criticisms come to help keep you as strong as you are and to aid you to grow stronger. This is the criticism you receive from friends. You can generally tell which is which by the following rule: The criticisms of enemies are usually made to other people in your absence, without first giving you a chance to speak—to explain in your own behalf. So long as you live, you need never hope to silence this kind of criticism. On the other hand your friends generally manage to tell you to your face of your faults—supposed and real. Now I am not discussing that pesky animal who wants to be called a friend but who tells you of your failures and fallings in a way which hurts, wounds, tears, burns — needlessly. Take what he says and examine it; but you need not kill the fatted calf for him nor trust him too far.

What To Do With Criticisms

When the enemy criticizes, you

must listen carefully; because if there is a weak spot about you he'll find it—you can't hide it from him. If his criticism is just, mend the fault—don't stop to whine about his motives—mend the fault. If you have made an error in the past for which you are being abused, ask God, your friends and yourself how to meet the issue; if there is no immediate answer, **Move on!** Look the enemy in the face; and, as you hope to overcome some day, don't whine like a whipped cur. Just **move on!** and then **move on!** Real men and women are "bigger" than their errors and mistakes of yesterday.

When the friend comes with his criticism, hear him, hear him; and then ask if he is holding back anything. The fine thing about the friend is that just as soon as he knows you value his advice and are trying to do the wise and good thing, he will help you put down your enemies; and he will debate for, speak for and fight for you when you can't fight for yourself. When the friend has gone, no whining, no sackcloth and ashes. Move on and keep your eyes off the ground. Heads up! Always.

If both the friend and enemy have really misjudged you, **tell the whole story to the friend** and move on. I say tell it to the friend because the enemy wouldn't hear you if you told him—you've got to have him on your hands until God calls you. Just move on.

A Caution To The Critic

Friendly critics need to be warned against criticizing so that their friends to be helped become discouraged. Tell the person of his good qualities always first; and then show him that he is on the right road if he'll just guard against this and that and the other. This will create no resentment and will help.

And now, as the valedictorian says, to the class of ungodly, insincere critics:

You criticize because a man or woman has surpassed you. The world knows it.

You criticize because you want the world to notice you and the best way is to attack some one whom it does notice. The world knows it.

You criticize because you have not the power to build and so you wish to keep others even with you by destroying what they have builded. Brother, the world knows all about it.

You criticize because you have lost the power to praise. The world, my friend, knows this only too well and is sorry for you.

You criticize because your digestion is poor. Your physician knows all about this.

We shall always have you with us; but in the midst of your oft-expressed judgments of others, listen: The following words came from the lips of the Master; and He was talking to you:

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

Somehow, I seem to hear still ringing in my ears these words of a Negro melody—I pass them on to the criticized: "Don't you let nobody turn you aroun' but keep on to Calvary."

—ISAAC FISHER.

ALABAMA STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

To Meet in Birmingham, April 5, 6 and 7

The President of the Alabama State Teachers' Association, Prof. J. A. Lawrence, has announced that the annual meeting will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, April 5th, 6th and 7th, 1916.

A program of unusual interest has been provided for the occasion.

Reduced Rates

The railroads have agreed to give special rates so that as many as possible may find it easy to attend the sessions. Birmingham being an important railroad center, is conveniently reached from all points.

Birmingham Will Entertain Hospitably

The Birmingham people have made a rather splendid reputation for themselves of being very hospitable. They are planning to give the visitors to this meeting a welcome and a reception that will make this meeting long remembered. Every teacher in the State should be present to help make the Alabama teachers the finest in the country.

Corresponding Secretary, Clinton J. Calloway, at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, will be pleased to answer all inquiries concerning the meeting.

TOURING THE SOUTH TO LEARN RURAL CONDITIONS

The explanation below, made by Dr. Washington in the World's Work shows why he made the tours in the various Southern States. He said:

"In making these visits, I had a double purpose: I wanted to find out the actual condition of the people in the country districts, so that I could make the work of the school fit into the lives of the people; and, at the same time, I wanted to popularize the idea of this kind of education among the masses of the people. I wanted to make the fathers and mothers of our pupils realize and thoroughly understand that a real education, whether it was 'high' or 'low,' whether it was education in the book or in the field, must somewhere touch the earth and change the conduct, the character, and the condition of the people."

MATE UP PENS NOW FOR HATCHING EGGS IN FEBRUARY

Seasonable Hints for January Applicable to the Chicken Yard

Now is the time to mate up the breeding pens for hatching eggs in February. Make the final culling, retaining only the strongest, thriftiest individuals.

See that these layers are receiving a good laying ration, supplying plenty of protein, green feed and oyster shell. This is the time to feed the surplus vegetables that are stored away in the cellar. A cabbage head suspended by strings, a couple of feet from the floor, will be relished by the hens. Be sure you are giving them plenty of exercise. Whole grain should be fed in a ten-inch litter.

Clean up the incubator and get it in running order. It might be advisable to run a trial hatch before the season opens.

There is always some new equipment such as brooders and feed hoppers, and this is the time to order all such supplies.

Have you considered any addition to your poultry yard? A small trial with ducks, geese, turkeys, capons or pigeons may prove profitable.—C. S. Anderson, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Tuskegee Conference of Negroes Extends Rural Betterment Work

No Change in Spirit and Purpose of Its Work and Its Declarations Are Strong

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Jan. 19—The twenty-fifth annual Tuskegee Negro Conference, founded by the late Booker T. Washington to help better the conditions of the colored people in the rural South, in particular, closed a session today that was remarkable for the fact that great numbers of the older colored people—farmers and their wives, preachers and other adults—were given their first real taste of school life, not only by having lectures, but by being sent from class to class, at given signals, sounded at regular intervals. Just as for the younger students regularly enrolled in the Institute. In addition to this the regular features of the conference were exhibited.

The Changed and the Permanent

There were changes, marked changes but it could not have been otherwise. The greatest change of all lay in the fact that the presiding genius and central figure of all former conferences, Dr. Washington, was absent, for all time, and in his stead was another, Acting-principal Warren Logan—faithful, loyal Warren Logan, gentle as a woman, true as steel, helping to break the bread of hope and encouragement for the colored men and women of the fields, as the late leader had done, but in Warren Logan's own way.

And there was one who was in his accustomed place, but whose very presence suggested the absent one. In the past, to see Emmett J. Scott was to see Dr. Washington. On conference day, the secretary was always near his chief, eyes, ears and hands for him—ready to help him in any way: mind and body at his disposal. Today, Emmett J. Scott, greatest and best-known executive secretary that the Negro has produced, was in the same place, cheerfully serving, helping, assisting another chief as in the past. No friend has paid him, thus far—no eulogist will pay him in the future a higher compliment than he is paying himself by his exhibited willingness to serve another "for the good of the cause"—the cause which "must not suffer loss."

The program, too, was changed; not because someone was anxious to abandon the practices of past years; but because Dr. Washington's last suggestion relative to the conference was that the program should be changed to put life into the meeting today.

But there was no change in the purpose and character of the conference. The conference committee, composed of Clinton J. Calloway, chairman; George R. Bridgeforth; Monroe N. Work; and John H. Washington—members of the "old guard" had seen to it that these should remain the same. The conference was the same potent agency for reaching the colored people of the farm and countryside and helping them to solve the problems of their daily lives, so that rural life may be richer, finer, more remunerative and satisfying. This spirit of the conference is permanent, despite noticeable changes in other directions today.

Old and New Delegates

A splendid and thoughtful crowd was present. Many of the "delegates" of former years were absent because they felt that the conference would not be "conference" without Dr. Washington; others came to see how it could be "conference" if he were not present. But there were hosts of others who have been so materially helped by the conference that they came because they wished for more aid and encouragement.

In addition to these, there were many new faces from Alabama and the adjoining States. The hearty co-operation of white public school officials, particularly in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee and North Carolina, had helped send to the conference this year a number of prosperous Negro farmers who had never been present before.

Morning Program

Instead of the usual parade and chapel exercises in the morning, the conference delegates were at school, beginning at 9 o'clock and ending at 12. The men were assembled at the Agricultural Building and the women were taken to Dorothy Hall. At each place, six lectures, each of twenty-five minutes duration, had been prepared to explain the demonstrations at each place.

In the Agricultural Department, George R. Bridgeforth, Director, Institute lecturers gave demonstrations in general farm practice and work, in trucking and canning, and in fruit growing. The different sections of conference delegates were then passed from these plant groups to the animal groups where demonstrations were given in the care of dairy cattle and the manufacture of dairy products, in selecting and feeding farm animals, and in diseases of animals and their treatment. These courses had already been given in part, to many of the farmers in the Short Course in Agriculture just ended today.

A splendid corn and canned goods exhibit was made so that the visitors could see some of the possibilities of preparing their own foodstuffs.

In Dorothy Hall, home of industries for girls and under the direction of Mrs. Booker T. Washington, there had been prepared for the women lectures and demonstrations in the old but ever new and interesting homely arts of the housewife. Familiar objects were transformed into useful and beautiful articles in the presence of the visitors. Shucks, boxes, cotton, native grasses were all worked into many articles in common use in the homes and on the farms of the colored people. More than this: Women were shown how to select curtains and pictures and how to prepare well-balanced menus from country-grown foodstuffs. Table manners were discussed and the whole subject of proper domestic economy, so important, so often neglected by the rural people, was covered, the conviction being that the conference must reach and help correct the homelife of the colored people.

At the close of these demonstrations dinner was served to the visitors as in the past. The great tiers of seats arranged near the chapel for the dinner was a very imposing sight.

Afternoon Session

In the afternoon, the session was held in the chapel, Rev. C. J. Davis led the audience in singing: "A Charge to Keep I Have," Rev. W. H. Mixon of Selma read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Banks of Troy, Alabama. Treasurer Logan had the school choir sing some of their melodies; and

then made preliminary remarks in which he reviewed carefully the history of the conference and the work and results which had been accomplished under the leadership of Dr. Washington. He then turned from this resume which was listened to with the very closest attention by those who had packed the chapel. The first topic for discussion was then taken up.

"How I Managed to Keep Ahead of the Boll Weevil"

The first topic was "How I managed to keep ahead of the boll weevil." T. W. Williams of Louisiana told the method followed in his State to "outrun" the weevil, and showed that the raising of foodstuffs, and the diversification of crops, as well as learning how to deal with the boll weevil, were the only methods of keeping ahead.

T. W. Scales of Coatopa, Alabama, was the star boll weevil speaker. He said he knew the boll weevil as well as a preacher knows his text. "Get divorced from cotton, prepare your soil in the fall, make good seed bed, get the best cotton seed to be had and such as will grow the least foliage, to the plant. Then you must have all your own food and must study the boll weevil because it takes more sense to get ahead of him." Scales knows the science of dealing with this Southern pest, as he well demonstrated to the audience.

Miss Cornelia Bowen, principal of Mt. Meigs Institute, Alabama, made a stirring speech in which she outlined the plans which she had perfected to help the farmers diversify their crops. Her statement concerning the impossibility of farmers living so long as they have to pay such high rates of interest to money lenders was cheered to the echo.

Crop Diversification

Under crop diversification was discussed what certain successful farmers have already done. J. H. Ross of Georgia, a man who owns 1,125 acres of land and who has had 20 000 pounds of meat killed on his plantation last year named a long list of farm products which are always grown on his place. He believes that the boll weevil is a blessing because it will make the Negroes have more smoke-houses with meat in them. Delegate Benford from Lee County said: "Plant corn, oats, peanuts, potatoes and a little cotton—that is what we do."

Southern White Woman Speaks

Mrs. J. B. Reid, of Birmingham, was the next speaker. She pleaded for better homes for the colored women. She said that we spend too much for things that are not needed in the home and said that she regarded this habit as being as great an enemy in the home as the boll weevil is on the farm. She won the sympathy of the audience, not only because of her kindliness of words, but because she was careful to say that she was interested in the children and the grandchildren of the colored people who had been slaves on her father's plantation—the audience appreciated this because usually the younger Negroes are excluded from the good-will.

Dr. Z. V. Judd, professor of education in the Auburn Institute also made a splendid address. The record of his work in North Carolina had preceded him here and it was felt that he is a valuable addition to the educational forces of this State.

A colored woman farmer, Mrs. Mims, who lives near Selma, immensely interested the audience by giving the record of her farming activities — a record which put to shame the work and practice of many of the men.

Prof. James L. Sibley next explained in details the methods to be followed when communities wish to secure State aid in the building of rural schools. Prof. Sibley is always a welcome speaker at these meetings.

Declarations of the Conference

The committee appointed to make the declarations of the Conference, submitted the following:

Twenty-five years ago these annual Tuskegee Negro Conference sessions were inaugurated by Dr. Booker T. Washington. Each year he urged the Negro farmers of the South to raise at home everything necessary to feed themselves and their families. His spirit still abides with us. "He being dead yet speaketh."

We would urge our farmers, in the words he used at our last Conference, to raise their own food supplies at home. "Raise them in your gardens, on your farms; raise your own poultry; your own stock and your own vegetables. In proportion as you do this you will have better homes, better churches and better racial relations." Follow this advice. Co-operate with all the agencies set in motion by the State and National Government to promote Crop Diversification, especially that which is being done through the Smith-Lever Agricultural Extension Work. We would record our grateful appreciation of the help our farmers are receiving from this source. Put the suggestions offered into practice.

There are in the South hundreds of thousands of farms without cattle, poultry, grain or gardens. These farms are for the most part operated by tenants. In their behalf the Tuskegee Negro Conference respectfully requests of the planters to urge upon Negro tenants to grow crops other than cotton, to have gardens, cows, hogs and poultry, and to raise their food supplies at home. These things will help to make the tenants more satisfied and less disposed to move every year.

To the tenant farmer this Conference says: Wherever possible endeavor to get your landlord to make a lease for a longer time than one year. Do without altogether, or at least cut in half the advances you are now getting. Build up the land which you are renting. Keep the house and fences in repair. Take good care of the tools, the mules and other live-stock which are in your charge. In other words, farm for your landlord just as though the farm belonged to you.

This Conference recognizes that one of the difficulties in the way of farm improvement in the South is the lack of marketing facilities for crops other than cotton, and a satisfactory system of rural credits. This Conference respectfully expresses the hope that some arrangement may be made by the National Congress, or otherwise, whereby the farmers in the South, both white and black, may be able to secure better credit, both as to length of time loans may run and the amount of interest that shall be paid, and that better marketing facilities may be provided.

In closing, this Conference wishes to express its appreciation for the growing interest which is being manifested by white people throughout the rural district of the South in Negro education. We are grateful for the help and co-operation we are receiving from State and County public school officials, from Mr. Julius Rosenwald and other persons in schoolhouse building, and in other ways improving the condition of our schools in the rural districts. We feel that a more sympathetic relationship is being promoted between the races as a result of this co-operation

and help. It all tends to make our children more content to remain on the soil, and aids in working out the new economic problems which have been brought to us by the European War and the Cotton Boll Weevil.

A Dramatic Moment

Despite the delicacy which the school feels in the matter of continuing to send out records of eulogies made here upon the life of the late Dr. Washington, a set of resolutions were offered by Bishop George W. Clinton of North Carolina and Rev. W. H. Mixon of Selma, Alabama, jointly, and adopted. No account of the Conference which omitted the incident would be at all complete. Being recognized, Bishop Clinton read as follows:

In Memory of Dr. Washington

Whereas, Dr. Booker T. Washington fell asleep for the last time on November 14, 1915; and rests from toil with his God; and,

Whereas, Dr. Booker T. Washington was the founder of the Tuskegee Negro Conference in Eighteen Hundred and Ninety; and,

Whereas, the said Tuskegee Negro Conference was profoundly affected and helped to change, for the better, economic, social and educational conditions among colored people, particularly in the rural sections of the South, by emphasizing, through twenty-five years, the importance of having all our people get out of debt, stop mortgaging their crops, abandon the one-room cabins, build better homes, own their own homes and land, lengthen the school terms, secure better teachers and ministers, build better schools and churches and cultivate more friendly relations with their white neighbors; and,

Whereas, this movement rapidly spread throughout the South, and the lessons taught were carried far and wide, resulting in a partial reconstruction of life and manners among our people in the rural belts and a general better feeling between the races, as well as an increased value of the Negro in the economic life of the South and the entire country.

Be It Resolved, That it is the sense of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, sitting in its twenty-fifth session, at the Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, January 19, 1916, and composed of men and

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women of the countryside who loved Dr. Washington so well and of others who have helped him to extend the lessons of the Conference, that in the death of Dr. Booker T. Washington—

First—The rural colored people have lost a valuable friend, a wise counselor and an unselfish guide.

Second—The Rural South has lost a great builder and reconstructor.

Third—The United States of America has lost a great statesman and prophet of peace and good-will to all men.

Be It Further Resolved, That the highest expression of appreciation of Dr. Washington's service that this Conference can give is to continue the work for which the Tuskegee Conference has stood and for which it was founded; and that we pledge our support to the great ideas of service which Dr. Washington taught through the Conference, by a standing vote and the uplifted right hand.

It was impressive in the extreme to see that silent group of old men and women stand with their hands uplifted in pledge of devotion to the work of the founder of the Conference.

Following the usual custom, a number of prizes were distributed to persons who had made most progress in the Short Course in Agriculture this year; after which the benediction was sung and the Conference closed.—Montgomery Advertiser.

A NEGRO CONFERENCE STORY OF 1908

Mr. Sam Baker, of Elmore County, said, "The farmers are getting along quite well at my home. We make a plenty. Six years ago I was over here and Dr. Washington said, 'We will first hear from those who own their homes.' I didn't own mine so I had to keep still. I made up my mind that I would buy land. The man who owned the place which I wanted said he would not take less than twenty-eight hundred dollars for it. I made seven notes with him and paid five hundred dollars cash. I have paid him $1,600.75 and am prepared to pay more."

TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE CORN SHOW

By C. W. Greene

One thousand persons were asked to bring ten ears of corn each to make a corn show for the benefit of all those who came so that they might be able to know good corn from bad corn, or a pure type from a mixed type.

It was my privilege to arrange this corn in groups of ten ears; of course, I could not change the corn around, but arranged it just as it was brought to us. Anyone looking upon these groups of corn could see, at a glance, many defects that they had not noticed before, although they selected the corn to bring.

As soon as poor corn was arranged along the side of better corn, the defects of poor corn stood out more than ever before; and anyone bringing the corn could see for the first time that the corn they brought did not show the characters that were wanted in a corn contest. Some of the corn was: Tennessee Red Cob, Mosbyes' Prolific, Boone County White, Marbery's Prolific, Golden Dent, Bloodie Butcher, Hickory King and many other varieties that were so mixed that it would be difficult to tell from what variety it came. Many of them thought they were going to get a premium when they brought it, and were surprised when they learned that their corn did not win. I labored very hard to show them why their corn did not pass. Very much of this corn in the number of ten ears showed three or more varieties bred in the original variety. If one's corn had well developed butts, it was defective in tips and straightness of rows, or he might have good butts and tips and straight rows, but some red cobbs and some white cobbs in the group. They had been requested to bring the best ten ears that they could select. Many of them found out for the first time when their corn was returned to them that they had not thought of what constituted a good variety. I had an opportunity to press that fact home, and I did it with much success. Everyone thanked me for the lesson, and said that another time they would know what

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kind of corn to select to compete for a prize.

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There were ten industrial schools competing, out of which number only three won prizes as follows: Calhoun School, Alabama, first prize; Bartlett Agricultural School, Missouri, second prize; Southern University, Louisiana, third prize. There were individual contestants, three of which won as follows: Mr. O. Pollard, first prize; Jessie Pearsol, second prize, and Mr. Dick, third prize.

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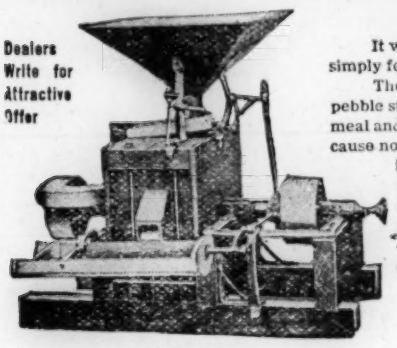

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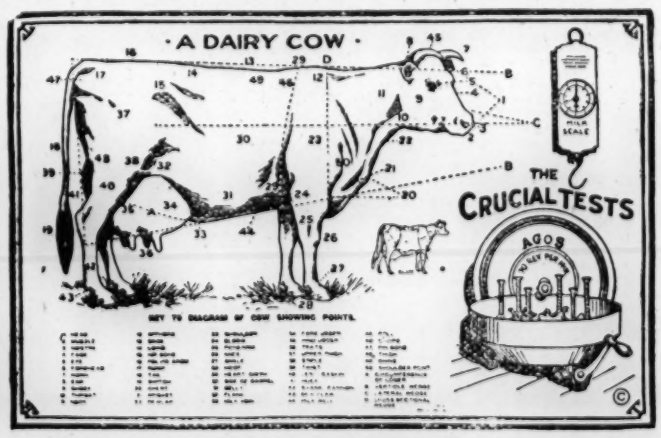

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